Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Kenneth Warrell Rahn, and we are richer because Kenneth lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Kenneth was born on May 10, 1927, in Flandreau, South Dakota, to Byron and Mary Rahn, graduated from Flandreau High School, attended college at South Dakota State University, and graduated from University of Denver; and,

Whereas, After high school, Kenneth joined the Merchant Marines, served in the Philippines, after returning home he was drafted into the Army during World War II and was stationed in Japan, after returning home Kenneth was drafted again and stationed in Korea where this assignment put him in the category of Disabled Veteran, having lost his leg in combat; and,

Whereas, Kenneth married Elizabeth Ann Fadgen on November 18, 1950, and to this union they were blessed with three children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Kenneth resides at Riverview Manor in Flandreau and will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his family and friends gather on May 13, 2017, to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2017, as

KENNETH WARRELL RAHN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family and friends in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State